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## Viewing cable 85LIMA5526, SENDERO CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#85LIMA5526**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">85LIMA5526</a>	<a href="#">1985-05-17 20:17</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Lima</a>

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1. IN MOST IMPRESSIVE SERIES OF COORDINATED ATTACKS IN LIMA SINCE JULY, 1984, TERRORISTS, PRESUMED TO BE SENDERISTAS CELEBRATING FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR MAY 18, 1980 "DECLARATION OF WAR" ON GOP, STRUCK AT VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC AND BUSINESS TARGETS IN LIMA AREA NIGHT OF MAY 16. IN ADDITION TO DYNAMITE CHARGES THROWN AT RESIDENCE OF U.S. AMBASSADOR AND AT PERUVIAN-NORTH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE (IPNCA) (REFTEL), 3 CHARGES DESTROYED MAIN DOOR AND PART OF ENCLOSURE WALL OF CHINESE (PRC) EMBASSY IN SAN ISIDRO. PRESS REPORTS THAT BOMBS WERE ALSO THROWN AT REAR OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN SAN ISIDRO HAVE BEEN DENIED BY PERUVIAN POLICE. REPORTED ATTACKS ON CUBAN AND ISRAELI EMBASSIES HAVE ALSO BEEN DISPROVED (IN ISRAELI CASE, BY EMBOFF CALLING ISRAELI EMBASSY). IN ALL INCIDENTS INVOLVING DIPLOMATIC CHARGES, DAMAGE WAS MINOR; ONE EMPLOYEE OF PRC EMBASSY WAS REPORTED TO BE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY FLYING GLASS.

2. ACCORDING TO OUTLINE OF EVENTS REPORTED IN PRESS, SERIES OF ATTACKS BEGAN ABOUT 2100, WHEN PARTIAL BLACKOUT OCCURRED IN PORTIONS OF LIMA DUE TO DYNAMITING OF AT LEAST TWO ELECTRICAL TOWERS, AT MATUCANA AND HUINCO, IN MANTARO VALLEY POWER GRID. PORTIONS OF MIRAFLORES, SAN ISIDRO AND CENTRAL LIMA WERE AMONG AREAS AFFECTED, AND BROWN-OUTS OCCURRED SPORADICALLY IN REST OF CITY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SHOOTING OCCURRED AND DYNAMITE WAS THROWN AT TWO PERUVIAN MARINE POSTS, IN UPPER-CLASS SUBURB OF CHACARILLA DEL ESTANQUE, AND IN JICARILLA, IN SUBURB OF SAN MARTIN DE PORRES. IN BOTH CASES, SHOOTING RESULTED BETWEEN POLICE AND SUBVERSIVES, WITH TWO POLICEMEN KILLED. WE SUSPECT THAT REPORTED GUN-BATTLES SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED AT MINISTRY OF WAR AND AT 79TH GUARDIA CIVIL STATION IN CHACARILLA WERE DUE TO NERVOUS GUARDS FIRING IN AIR. AT LEAST SIX SUSPECTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT JICARILLA, SOME OF WHOM WERE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOUND IN NEAR-BY VAN. AT ROUGHLY SAME TIME, ANOTHER ARMED GROUP TOSSED DYNAMITE AT MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND AT BRANCH OF BANCO WEISE IN SUBURB OF VILLA MARIA DE TRIUNFO, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES. DYNAMITE CHARGES WERE ALSO TOSSED AT TODOS SUPERMARKET IN MONTEERRICO AND AT OFFICES OF UTILITY ELECTROLIMA IN SUBURB OF SAN JUAN DE LURIGANCHO, CAUSING MAJOR DAMAGE AT BOTH SITES. SCATTERED EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED AT OTHER LOCATIONS, INCLUDING SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY

AND PLAZA DE ITALIA. FINALLY, SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS  
ILLUMINATED LARGE HAMMER AND SICKLE DISPLAYS ON  
HILLS ABOVE WORKING-CLASS SUBURBS OF EL AGUSTINO AND  
VILLA EL SALVADOR. IN LATTER CASE, POLICE ARRIVED  
AT SITE QUICKLY AND ARRESTED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER  
OF PERSONS TRYING TO FLEE THE AREA.

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¶3. AT OUTSET OF WAVE OF ATTACKS, POLICE RUSHED  
REINFORCEMENTS TO HOMES OF MEMBERS OF NATIONAL  
ELECTIONS BOARD (JNE), WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING  
TELEPHONE DEATH THREATS FOR LAST TWO WEEKS. AT  
HOME OF JNE SECRETARY GENERAL OSWALDO CORPANCHO,  
POLICE REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO  
HAD BEEN APPROACHING HOUSE FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS  
PILED INTO SAME CAR AND FLED WHEN POLICE ARRIVED.

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¶4. COMMENT: VARIETY AND COORDINATION OF ATTACKS  
SUGGESTS THAT, AFTER A PERIOD OF RELATIVE QUIESCENCE,  
SENDERO LUMINOSO HAS AGAIN REPLENISHED ITS RANKS  
AND REGAINED ATTACK CAPABILITY IN LIMA, IN SPITE  
OF ARRESTS OF VARIOUS KEY MEMBERS. POLICE ARE  
UNANIMOUS IN ATTRIBUTING ATTACKS TO CELEBRATION OF  
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF "DECLARATION OF WAR." SL HAS  
PREVIOUSLY CELEBRATED SIMILAR ANNIVERSARIES WITH  
SPECTACULAR ATTACKS. ACTUAL ANNIVERSARY, OF COURSE,  
IS TOMORROW AND MORE VIOLENCE MAY WELL TAKE PLACE.  
EMBASSY IS TAKING ADDITIONAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS  
(SEPTEL).

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